

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

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The present invention is directed to a performance data editing system, ~~which is embodied within a computer system (or electronic musical instrument) equipped with a display and a mouse.~~ The present invention provides a score window containing various types of execution icon layers onto which execution icons (representing ~~musical symbols~~execution-related data for adding articulation to a music tone such as bend-up/down, grace-up/down, dynamics, glissando, tremolo) are attached and arranged in conformity with a progression of a musical tune on a screen of the display. Each layer can be controlled in response to various commands. The present invention further allows a user (or music editor) to select desired execution icons from an icon select palette that provides lists of execution icons which are registered in advance. In addition, the present invention allows a user to modify parameters of a specific icon, as well as add icons to or delete icons from a prescribed display area (e.g., layer window) using drag-and-drop operations ~~selected from among the execution icons attached onto the score window.~~ ~~When a user performs drag-and-drop operations on a certain execution icon to move it outside of a prescribed display area (e.g., layer window) of the score window, the icon is deleted along with the corresponding execution-related data.~~